

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Page 3, last paragraph continuing onto page 4:

This method of mitral valve repair, generally termed "annuloplasty", effectively reduces mitral regurgitation in heart failure patients. This, in turn, reduces symptoms of heart failure, improves quality of life and increases ~~longevity~~ longevity. Unfortunately, however, the invasive nature of mitral valve surgery and the attendant risks render most heart failure patients poor surgical candidates. Thus, a less invasive means to increase leaflet coaptation and thereby reduce mitral regurgitation in heart failure patients would make this therapy available to a much greater percentage of patients.

Page 22, last paragraph continuing onto page 23:

In use, elongated body 400 is positioned in coronary sinus 30 with its one or more spring sections ~~405~~ 425 configured in an extended condition, and then the one or more spring sections 425 are reconfigured into a contracted condition so that the device's distal end section 405 and proximal end section 415 are drawn together. This action will cause barbs 410 and 420 to set into the surrounding tissue and draw this tissue closer together. With elongated body 400 residing in coronary sinus 30 and drawing separated sections of the curved coronary sinus closer together, the coronary sinus is effectively straightened and the posterior leaflet 39 is forced

anteriorly, whereby to reduce or completely eliminate mitral regurgitation.